

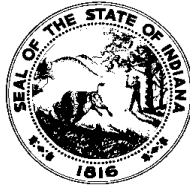
# Conference Program



Mid America Trails &  
Greenways Conference  
Green Infrastructure: A Natural  
Framework for the Future

September 21-24, 2003  
Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, IN





Office of the Governor  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797

FRANK O'BANNON  
GOVERNOR

**September 2003**

***Greetings!***

Welcome to Indiana! The Crossroads of America! For years, Indiana has been known for its superior rail, air and highway systems. Now, Hoosiers want to add another distinction...that of a trail and greenway destination.

This conference marks the fourth time since 1997 that planners, designers, trail enthusiasts, conservationists and government officials from about the state have gathered to take the pulse of trails and greenways movement in our state and to inspire new action.

In 2001, Indiana's groundbreaking study featuring trails in Fort Wayne, Goshen, Greenfield, Indianapolis, Muncie and Portage, documented that we can build healthy, livable communities. In 2003 Hoosiers from every corner of the state are embracing the human-powered transportation that greenways and trails make possible. Green infrastructure can truly be the natural framework for our future.

The State of Indiana is joining with federal agencies and advocate organizations in Indiana and neighboring states to make this conference the premier event of its type in the Midwest. To our friends from Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and elsewhere, we are pleased you have come to share your experience, your knowledge and your ideas with us.

On behalf of all Hoosiers, we hope you enjoy your time in central Indiana. Judy and I extend a heartfelt invitation to all of you to sample the greenways, trails and culture Indiana has to offer.

Sincerely,

Frank O'Bannon

## Conference Organizers & In-kind Supporters

Website Links for Conference Organizers & In-kind Supporters

Active Living By Design - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - [www.activelivingbydesign.org](http://www.activelivingbydesign.org)

American Trails - [www.americantrails.org](http://www.americantrails.org)

Bucyrus Ohio Tourism and Visitor's Bureau - [www.bucyrus.org](http://www.bucyrus.org)

Cardinal Greenway, Inc. - [www.cardinalgreenway.org](http://www.cardinalgreenway.org)

The Conservation Fund - [www.conservationfund.org](http://www.conservationfund.org)

crittur.com - [www.crittur.com](http://www.crittur.com)

Delaware North Park Services - [www.visitdeercreek.com](http://www.visitdeercreek.com)

Eastman Kodak Company - [www.kodak.com](http://www.kodak.com)

Federal Highway Administration - [www.fhwa.dot.gov/indiv/index.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/indiv/index.htm)

Forward Quest, Inc. - [www.skyloop.org/organization.htm](http://www.skyloop.org/organization.htm)

Greenways Foundation, Inc. - [www.indygreenways.org/sponsors/gf.htm](http://www.indygreenways.org/sponsors/gf.htm)

Hoosier National Forest - [www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier)

Hoosier Rails-to-Trails Council - [www.indianatrails.org](http://www.indianatrails.org)

Illinois Association of Park Districts - [www.ilparks.org](http://www.ilparks.org)

Illinois Department of Natural Resources - [dnr.state.il.us/orep/planning/gnthome.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/orep/planning/gnthome.htm)

Illinois Greenways & Trails Council - [dnr.state.il.us/OREP/planning/igtctx.htm](http://dnr.state.il.us/OREP/planning/igtctx.htm)

Illinois Trails Conservancy - [www.comnet1.net/illtrails](http://www.comnet1.net/illtrails)

Indiana Bicycle Coalition, Inc. - [www.bicycleindiana.org](http://www.bicycleindiana.org)

Indiana Department of Commerce - [www.in.gov/doc](http://www.in.gov/doc)

Indiana Department of Environmental Management - [www.in.gov/idem](http://www.in.gov/idem)

Indiana Department of Natural Resources - [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr)

Indiana Department of Transportation - [www.in.gov/dot](http://www.in.gov/dot)

Indiana Governor's Council for Physical Fitness & Sports - [www.state.in.us/isdh/programs/fitness/fromdir.html](http://www.state.in.us/isdh/programs/fitness/fromdir.html)

Indiana Horse Council - [www.indianahorsecouncil.org](http://www.indianahorsecouncil.org)

Indiana Land Resources Council - [www.in.gov/oca/ilrc](http://www.in.gov/oca/ilrc)

Indiana Natural Resources Foundation - [www.in.gov/dnr/about/nrf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/about/nrf)

Indiana Parks & Recreation Association - [www.inpra.org](http://www.inpra.org)

Indiana State Park Inns - [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inns](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inns)

Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. - [www.indianatrails.org](http://www.indianatrails.org)

Indiana Tourism Office - [www.enjoyindiana.com](http://www.enjoyindiana.com)

INDY Parks Greenways - [www.indygreenways.org](http://www.indygreenways.org)

International Mountain Bicycling Association - [www.imba.com](http://www.imba.com)

Kentucky Department for Local Government - [www.state.ky.us/agencies/local\\_gov/local\\_resource.html](http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/local_gov/local_resource.html)

Kentucky Rails to Trails Council - [www.kyrailtrail.org](http://www.kyrailtrail.org)

National Park Service - Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance - [www.nps.gov/rtca](http://www.nps.gov/rtca)

Ohio Department of Natural Resources - [www.ohiodnr.com](http://www.ohiodnr.com)

Ohio Greenways - [www.ohiogreenways.org](http://www.ohiogreenways.org)

Ohio Parks & Recreation Association - [www.opraonline.org](http://www.opraonline.org)

Rail Corridor Development, Inc. - [www.rcdi.org](http://www.rcdi.org)

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy - Michigan Field Office - [www.railtrails.org/field/michigan](http://www.railtrails.org/field/michigan)

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy - Ohio Field Office - [www.railtrails.org/field/ohio](http://www.railtrails.org/field/ohio)

Saris Parking Solutions - [www.sarisparking.com](http://www.sarisparking.com)

Storrow Kinsella Associates - [www.storrowkinsella.com](http://www.storrowkinsella.com)

The Stutz Business Center, Turner Woodard - [www.thestutz.com](http://www.thestutz.com)

YMCA at the Athenaeum - [www.ymcaattheathenaeum.org](http://www.ymcaattheathenaeum.org)

Xanterra Parks and Resorts - [www.atapark.com](http://www.atapark.com)

## Conference Committee

### *Illinois*

Amy Madigan, Greenways & Trails Section, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Dick Westfall, Greenways & Trails Section, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

### *Indiana*

Steve Morris, Division of Outdoor Recreation, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Rory Robinson, National Park Service, Rivers and Trails, Indiana

The entire Indiana host planning committee.

### *Kentucky*

Lee Creech, Kentucky Department for Local Government

John Vissman, Forward Quest, Kentucky

### *Michigan*

Nancy Krupiarz, Rails to Trails Conservancy, Michigan

### *Ohio*

Rhonda Border, Rails to Trails Conservancy, Ohio

William Daehler, Division of Real Estate and Land Management, Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources

Paul Labovitz, National Park Service, Rivers and Trails, Ohio

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## At-A-Glance

*Friday, September 19*

*Saturday, September 20*

*Sunday, September 21*

State Trail Administrators Meeting (by invitation)  
Hosted by the Federal Highway Administration at the  
Radisson Hotel

Trail Construction & Maintenance Workshop  
Presented by the International Mountain Bicycling  
Association's (IMBA) Subaru Trail Care Crew at Westwood  
Park near New Castle, IN. Sponsored by the Hoosier  
Mountain Bike Association.

1:00 - 6:00 pm

Preconference Field Trips

*Indy Greenways*

*Cardinal Greenway*

6:30 - 8:00 pm

*Mt. McKinley*

Conference Opening Reception

Registration Open

Video Share Fair

Exhibits Open

## Monday, September 22

7:00 - 8:00 am

Morning Hike/Bike

7:30 - 9:00

Registration

Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 - 9:00

Conference Welcome and Opening Address

9:00 - 10:00

Plenary Session #1

*Green Infrastructure: What & Why?*

10:00 - 10:15

Break - Exhibits Open

10:15 - 11:30

Plenary Session #2

*The State of the States Report: Green Infrastructure in Mid America*

11:30 - 11:50

Break - Exhibits Open

11:50 - 1:30 pm

Conference Luncheon

1:30 - 2:40

Concurrent Sessions

2:40 - 2:55

Break - Exhibits Open

2:55 - 4:05

Concurrent Sessions

4:05 - 4:20

Break - Exhibits Open

4:20 - 5:30

Plenary Session #3

*The New Federal Highway Program*

5:30 - 7:00 Exhibit Hall Open

7:00 - 9:00

Kodak American Greenways

Awards Dinner

## Tuesday, September 23

7:00 - 8:00 am

Morning Hike/Bike

7:30 - 9:00

Registration

Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 - 9:00

Conference Welcome and Opening Address

9:00 - 10:00

Plenary Session #4

*Designing Community Infrastructure for Active Living*

10:00 - 10:20

Break - Exhibits Open

10:20 - 11:30

Concurrent Sessions

11:30 - 1:00 pm

Mid America Trails & Greenways Awards Luncheon

1:00 - 2:15

Concurrent Sessions

2:15 - 2:30

Break - Exhibits Open - Last Chance!

2:30 - 3:45

Concurrent Sessions

3:45 - 4:00

Break

4:20 - 5:30

Plenary Session #5

*Mid America's Infrastructure: Bringing the Region Together*

## Wednesday, September 24

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Workshops (with lunch)

see program for descriptions

The Conservation Fund/US Fish & Wildlife Service Course-

*Green Infrastructure: A Strategic Approach to Green Space Planning and Conservation*

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

*Successful Trails Workshop*

## Registration Hours

Sunday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Monday, 7:30 am - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

## Exhibit Hall Hours

Sunday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Monday, 7:30 am - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

## General Information & Events

Welcome to Indianapolis and the Hyatt Regency Hotel! We are glad you've chosen to attend the Mid America Trails & Greenways Conference. This first-ever endeavor for the Midwest states offers many great educational and professional opportunities in the field of green infrastructure. Over the course of the conference we hope that you will find time to both learn new ideas and share ideas through networking with other colleagues and professionals and do not forget to visit the Exhibit Hall!

This program will provide you with all the pertinent information regarding the conference and whatever questions you may have, feel free to stop by the Registration and Information Desk.

Thanks again for attending and enjoy!

### Accessibility

All facilities associated with the Hyatt Regency are accessible.

### Cyber Cafe

The cyber cafe will be located in Directors Room A and will be open Sunday 6:00-10:00 pm, Monday, 7:00 am - 9:00 pm and Tuesday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### Bicycle Storage

Bicycle storage will be in Directors Room B and will be available Sunday 6:00-10:00 pm, Monday, 7:00 am - 9:00 pm and Tuesday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Storage will be available on Wednesday, but no attendant will be on duty.

### Registration & Information

The registration and information desk is located in the 3rd floor foyer between Exhibit Hall and Executive Board Room.

### Meals

Meals included in the full conference fee are: continental breakfasts and lunches on Monday and Tuesday and dinner on Monday evening.

### Around Indianapolis

Please stop by the registration desk for local tourism information. Indianapolis has many attractions for visitors and conference attendees.

### Messages

A message board will be available at the registration/information desk on the third floor of the Hyatt.

### Name Badges

Name badges are your entry into the conference sessions and Exhibit Hall.

### Silent Auction

The Silent Auction will be in the Executive Board Room and will close at the end of the morning break on Tuesday (10:00 - 10:20 am.)

### Exhibit Hall

Exhibitors will be located in the Mt. McKinley Room.

### Special Meetings, Events and Workshops

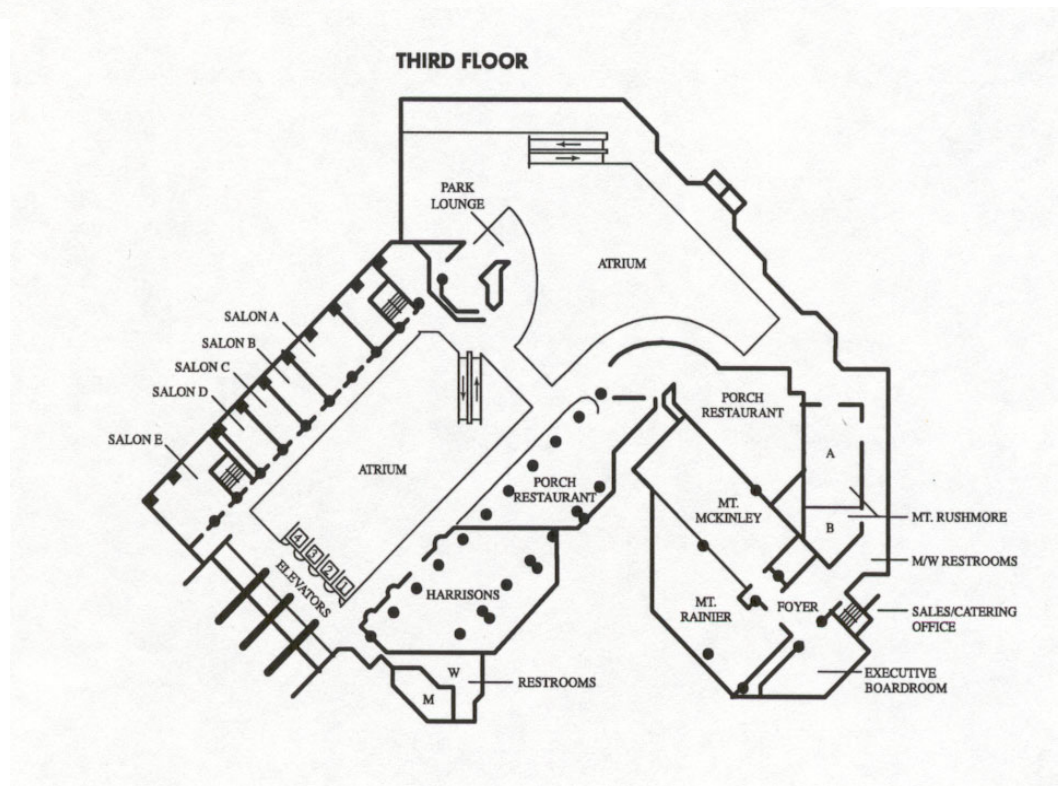
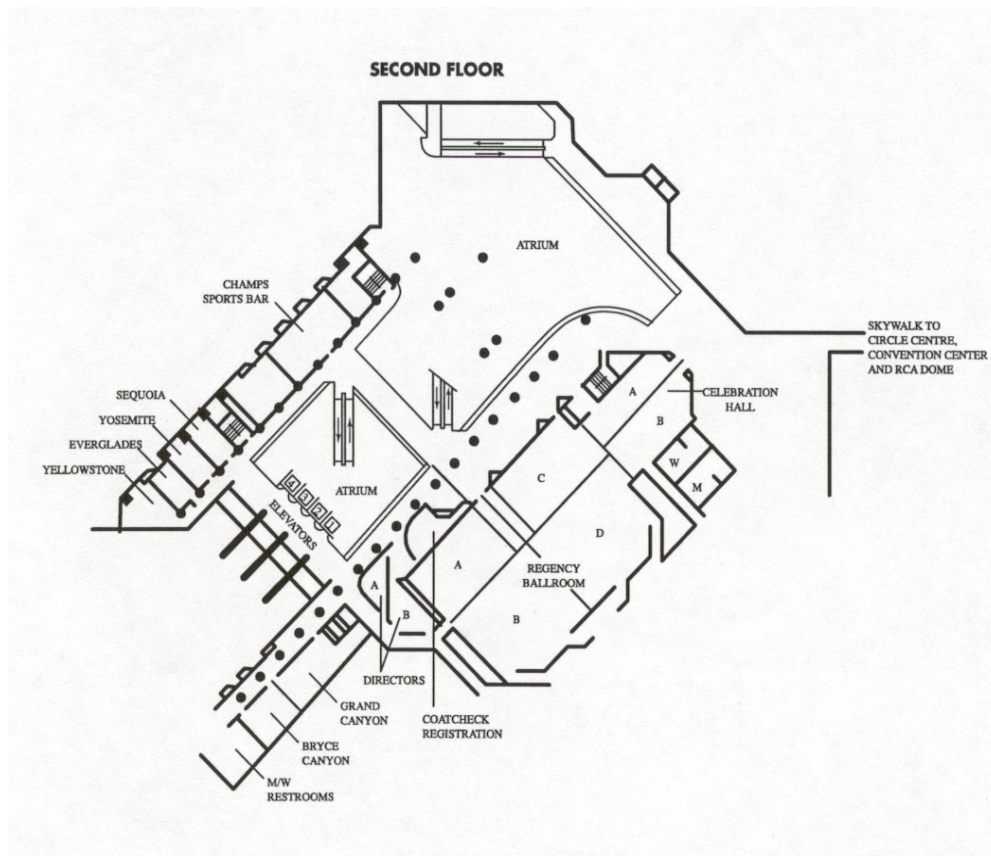
The State Trail Administrators meeting will take place at the Radisson Hotel on Friday and Saturday (9/19-20.)

The IMBA Trail Care Crew Workshop will take place offsite at Westwood Park near New Castle. Arrangements for transport are available with workshop registration (9/20-21.)

The Wednesday post-conference workshops will take place at the Hyatt Regency. See program page 14 for details.



# Hyatt Regency Floor Plan





## Sunday, September 21

1:00 - 6:00 pm

Pre-conference Field Tips

**Indy Greenways** - Bicycling tour of the Indianapolis Greenways System. Please bring your own bicycle and helmet!

**Cardinal Greenway** - How did a not-for-profit group go from having a great idea to getting 30 miles of trail on the ground? Host Steve Varner of Delaware Greenways, Inc. will lead you on a history of the Cardinal Greenway on this bus tour to Muncie, Indiana. There will be a 2.5 mile hike in Muncie that will showcase the very exciting and varied projects with which Delaware Greenways is involved.

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Conference Opening Reception

Mt. McKinley Room

Registration and Exhibit Hall will be open.

Come and see the Video Share Fair.



## Monday, September 22

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Morning Hike or Bike Ride

Please meet inside front doors of hotel lobby.

7:30 am

Registration and Exhibit Room Open

8:30 - 9:00 am

Conference Opening

Regency Ballroom

**Welcome/Opening Address:** John Davis, Deputy Director of Land and Cultural Resources, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Conference Steering Committee

9:00 - 10:00 am

PLENARY SESSION # 1

Regency Ballroom

***Green Infrastructure- What and Why?***

Introduction: Joseph Wynns, Director, Indianapolis Parks and Recreation Department

Speaker: Edward McMahon, Vice President and Director, Land Use Programs, The Conservation Fund

BREAK/Visit the Exhibitors! 10:00 - 10:15am

PLENARY SESSION # 2

Regency Ballroom

***The State of States Report - Green Infrastructure in Mid-America***

10:15 - 11:30

Introductions: Samuel N. Stokes, Chief, National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

Speakers: Dick Westfall, Manager, Greenways & Trails Section, Illinois Department of Natural Resources; Lori F. Kaplan, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management; Carey Tichenor, State Naturalist, Kentucky Department of Parks; Bill Rustem, Governor's Land Use Council, Michigan; Sam Speck, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

BREAK - Visit the Exhibitors! 11:30 - 11:50 am

## Opening Luncheon 12:00 - 1:30pm

Regency Ballroom

Master of Ceremonies: John Goss, Director,  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Welcome and Remarks: Joseph Wynns,  
Director, Indianapolis Parks and Recreation Department

Luncheon Address: Christopher K. Jarvi  
Associate Director, Partnerships, Interpretation and  
Education, Volunteers and Outdoor Recreation,  
National Park Service, *A National Network of  
Green Infrastructure*

## Concurrent Sessions

**1:30- 2:40pm**

CONCURRENT SESSION # 1A

Harrisons

### Economic Benefits of Green Infrastructure

Moderator: Dr. Greg Lindsey, Director,  
Center for Urban Policy and the Environment,  
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Presenters: Sharon Strouse, Holmes County  
Extension Agent (OH); Morton Marcus, Director,  
Indiana Business Research Center; Kelley School of  
Business, Indiana University; Rodney Kirtley,  
Muhlenberg County Judge, Pond Creek Trail (KY)

CONCURRENT SESSION # 1B

Celebration Hall

### Getting Started - Forming the Partnerships

Moderator: Bill Lane, Outdoor Recreation  
Planner, National Park Service Rivers, Trails and  
Conservation Assistance Program, SE Region

Presenters: Barbara Nelson Jameson, Michi-  
gan Projects Manager, National Park Service Rivers,  
Trails and Conservation Assistance Program; Pat  
Timm, - President and CEO, The Ohio River Way,  
Inc.; Helen Tyson Siewers, Greenways Coordinator,  
Bowling Green, KY

CONCURRENT SESSION #1C

Mt. Rushmore

## A Community Vision for Land Use

Moderator: Joe Tutterow, Director, Indiana  
Land Resources Council

Presenters: Jonathan Jarosz, Saginaw Bay  
Greenways Collaborative; Mark Weaver, Outdoor  
Recreation Planner, National Park Service Rivers,  
Trails and Conservation Assistance Program; Bev  
Moore, Illinois Trails Conservancy; Steve Madewell,  
Deputy Director, LakeMetroparks, Northeast Ohio  
Regional Openspace Initiative

CONCURRENT SESSION # ID

Canyon Hall

## Introducing Mountain Biking to Existing Trail Systems

Moderator: Jonathan Jullierat, Indiana Bicycle  
Coalition

Presenters: Jenn Dice, Advocacy Director,  
International Mountain Bicycling Association, Aaryn  
Kay and Scott Linnenburger, Subaru/IMBA Trail  
Care Crew

BREAK/Visit the Exhibitors! 2:40 - 2:55pm

## Concurrent Sessions

**2:55- 4:05pm**

CONCURRENT SESSION # 2A

Harrisons

### Environmental Benefits of Green Infrastructure

Moderator: Karen Terrell, Director, Office of  
Community Relations, Indiana Department of  
Environmental Management

Presenters: Richard Dolesh, Senior Policy  
Associate, National Recreation and Parks Association;  
Mike Lighthiser, Biohabitats; Ders Anderson,  
Greenways Director, Openlands Project

## CONCURRENT SESSION # 2B

Celebration Hall

### Reaching Out/Working with Elected Officials

Moderator: Eric Myers, Executive Director, Indiana Natural Resources Foundation

Presenters: Laura Cohen, Project Manager, Confluence Greenway; Jack Shaner, Public Affairs Coordinator, Ohio Environmental Council; Bill Bailey, Board of Directors, Indiana Bicycle Coalition

## CONCURRENT SESSION # 2C

Mt. Rushmore

### Innovative Approaches to Planning

Moderator: Chuck Flink, President, Greenways Inc.

Presenters: Lisa Hite, Senior Planner, Louisville Metro Parks; Marty Perry, National Register Coordinator, Kentucky Heritage Council; John Fernandez, Mayor, City of Bloomington, IN

## CONCURRENT SESSION # 2 D

Canyon Hall

### Trails Stewardship

Moderator: Les Wadzinski, Recreation Program Manager, Hoosier National Forest

Presenters: Marcia and Gabe Williamson, Team East, Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers ; Herb Hulls, President, Buckeye Trail Association; Eric Sandeno, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Hoosier National Forest

BREAK/Visit the Exhibitors! 4:05 - 4:20pm

## PLENARY SESSION # 3

Regency Ballroom

4:20 - 5:30pm

### The New Federal Highway Program

Moderator: Kate Quinn, Deputy Administrator, Indiana Division, Federal Highways Administration

Presenters: Marianne Fowler, Senior Vice President of Programs, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy; Congressman Mike Pence 6th District (IN) Invited; S. Sargent Visser, Chief of Staff, Office of Congresswoman Julia Carson 7th District (IN) Invited, Christopher Douwes, Trails and Enhancement Manager, Federal Highway Administration

Exhibits Open 5:30 - 7:00pm

7:00 - 9:00 pm

### KODAK AMERICAN GREENWAYS AWARDS DINNER

Regency Ballroom

Master of Ceremonies: J. Bryan Nicol, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Transportation

Awards Presenters: Ed McMahon, Vice President and Director, Land Use Programs, The Conservation Fund

R. Hays Bell, Vice President for Health, Safety and Environment, Eastman Kodak

Keynote Address: Gerald Adelmann, Director, OpenLands Project



## Tuesday, September 22

7:00 - 8:00am

Morning Hike or Bike Ride

Please meet inside front doors of hotel lobby.

8:30 - 9:00am

Registration and Exhibit Room Open

9:00 - 10:00am

PLENARY SESSION # 4

Regency Ballroom

**Designing Community Infrastructure for Active Living**

Moderator: Joni Albright, Assistant Commissioner, Indiana Department of Health

Presenters: Sarah Levin Martin, Ph.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, Physical Activity and Health Branch; Phil Bors, Project Officer, Active Living by Design Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

BREAK/Visit the Exhibitors! 10:00 - 10:20am

### **Concurrent Sessions**

**10:20 - 11:30am**

CONCURRENT SESSION # 3A

Harrisons

**Health Benefits of Green Infrastructure**

Moderator: Casey McIntire, Executive Director, Indiana Governor's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports

Presenters: Helen Mahan, Outdoor Recreation Planner, National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, NE Region; Gary Parks, Ohio Department of Health, Healthy Ohioans, Healthy Communities; Risa Wilkerson, Active Community Environments, Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness

CONCURRENT SESSION # 3B

Celebration Hall

**Recognizing your Projects, the National Recreation Trails and Bicycle Friendly Community Programs**

Moderator: Rory Robinson, Indiana Projects Manager, National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

Presenters: Cheri Esperson, Outdoor Recreation Planner, National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program; Stuart MacDonald, National Recreation Trails Program Manager, American Trails; Anthony Yoder, Program Manager, League of American Bicyclists

CONCURRENT SESSION # 3C

Mt. Rushmore Room

**Innovative Approaches to Funding**

Moderator: Nancy Krupiarz, Director, Michigan Chapter, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Presenters: Wayne Seger, P.E., Engineered Project Solutions (MI); Daron Jordan, Grant Writer, Madisonville, Kentucky; Pat Henahan, Director, Ohio Arts Council

CONCURRENT SESSION # 3D

Canyon Hall

**Equestrian Trails: Providing Opportunities at the Local Level**

Moderator: Yvette Anderson-Rollins, Vice President, Indiana Horse Council

Presenters: Kandee Haertel, Executive Director, Equestrian Land Conservation Resource; Mary Hanson, Outdoor Recreation Planner, National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, MW Region; Ken Carpenter, President, Glacial Drumlin Horse Trail Association, Inc.



11:30 am-1:00 pm

## Mid America Trails and Greenways Awards Luncheon

Regency

Master of Ceremonies: **Tim Monger**, Executive Director, Indiana Department of Commerce (Invited)

Awards Presenters: **Marla McDaniel**, Special Projects Director, Crawfordsville Parks and Recreation and **Ray Irvin**, Administrator, Indy Parks Greenways

Keynote Address: *Conservation Vision* - **Cynthia Whiteford**, Director, Midwest Region, Trust for Public Lands

## Concurrent Sessions

**1:00 - 2:15pm**

CONCURRENT SESSION # 4A

Harrisons

### Community Safety and Quality of Life

Moderator: **Attila Bality**, Outdoor Recreation Planner, National Park Service, Rivers and Trails Program, Intermountain Region

Presenters: **Rich Carlucci**, Town Manager, Plainfield, IN; **Christine Vogt**, Professor, Michigan State University, Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Study of the Pere Marquette Trail; **Rick Strader**, Director of Planning, Rockford Park District (IL)

CONCURRENT SESSION # 4B

Celebration Hall

### Mid-America's Green Infrastructure: The Pieces in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana

Moderator: **Storow Kinsella Associates**

Presenters: **Elaine Marsh**, Director, Ohio Greenways and **William Daehler**, Land Management Administrator, Division of Real Estate and Land Management, Ohio Department of Natural Resources; **Lisa Brownell**, Lead Researcher, Kentucky Transportation Center; **Steve Morris**, Streams and Trails Section Chief, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation

CONCURRENT SESSION # 4C

Mt. Rushmore

### Innovative Design

Moderator: **Dick Westfall**, Supervisor, Greenways and Trails Section, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Presenters: **Jennifer Skulski**, Director, Marketing and Special Projects, National Center on Accessibility; **Thomas M. Fansler III**, President, Smock Fansler Construction; **Craig Williams**, AICP, Principle Planner, Edwards-Kelcey

CONCURRENT SESSION # 4D

Canyon Hall

### Developing Water Trails

Moderator: **Al Staats**, President, America's Water Trails, Inc.

Presenters: **Kent Taylor**, Assistant Director, Trails and Greenways Openlands Project; **Paul Labovitz**, Program Leader, National Park Service, Rivers and Trails Program, Midwest Region

BREAK/Visit the Exhibitors! 2:15 - 2:30pm  
Last chance!

## Concurrent Sessions

**2:30 -3:45 pm**

CONCURRENT SESSION # 5A

Harrisons

### Tourism, Promotion and Marketing

Moderator: **Marianna Weinzapfel**, Director, Indiana Tourism and Film Development Division

Presenters: **Carol Potter**, Director, Cadillac Convention and Visitors Bureau (MI); **Shad Baker**, Extension Service in Whitesburg, KY, Pine Mountain Trail Conference; **Tom Olsen**, President, Greenways Foundation

## CONCURRENT SESSION # 5B

Celebration Hall

### Mid-America's Green Infrastructure: The Pieces in Michigan and Illinois

Moderator: Storror Kinsella Associates and Charles Flink, President, Greenways, Inc.;

Presenters: George Bellovics, Grand Illinois Trail Coordinator, Illinois Department of Natural Resources; Tom Woiwode, Director, Greenways Initiative; Nancy Krupiarz, Director, Michigan Field Office, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

## CONCURRENT SESSION # 5C

Mt. Rushmore

### Operation and Maintenance

Moderator: Amy Madigan, Outreach Coordinator, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Presenters: Paul Pounders, Director, Midland County Parks and Recreation (MI); Steve Varner, Director, Cardinal Greenway (IN); Jim Schneider, Greene County Parks (OH)

## CONCURRENT SESSION # 5D

Canyon Hall

### Meeting the Demand for Off-Highway Vehicle Trails

Moderator: Gary DeLong, President, Discover Indiana Riding Trails and President, Indiana Trails Advisory Board

Presenters: Russ Ehnes, Executive Director, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, Inc.; Jay Jackson, Executive Director, ABATE of Indiana, Inc.; Pete LundBorg, Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Nila Armstrong, Streams and Trails Specialist, Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Division of Outdoor Recreation

Break 3:45 - 4:00pm

4:00 - 5:00 pm

## PLENARY SESSION # 5

Regency Ballroom

### Mid-America's Green Infrastructure: Bringing the Region Together

Facilitators: Storror Kinsella Associates and Charles Flink, President, Greenways, Inc.

## Wednesday, September 24

One Day Workshops - 9:am - 4 pm with lunch

### The Conservation Fund/US Fish and Wildlife Service Green Infrastructure Course - Green Infrastructure: A Strategic Approach to Green Space Planning and Conservation

Celebration Hall

This three part workshop will provide an introduction to Green Infrastructure Concepts and Values, Principles and Elements for Success; Green Infrastructure Case Studies from the Mid-America region; and Implementing A Green Infrastructure Vision

Presented by: Mark Benedict, Senior Associate for Strategic Conservation, The Conservation Fund

### Successful Trails Workshop - Rails-to- Trails Conservancy

Mount Rushmore

This workshop is a comprehensive advocacy course that provides resources and strategies needed to remove obstacles to trail building and help your community get started on your local trails system.

Presented by: Rhonda Border, State Director, Ohio Chapter, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and Nancy Krupiarz, State Director, Michigan Chapter, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy



## Conference Speakers

**Gerald W. Adelman** is Executive Director of Openlands Project, a 40- year-old land conservation organization working to protect and enhance open space within the Chicago metropolitan area. He first joined Openlands staff in 1980 to coordinate a program on the Des Plaines River Valley. This led to his founding of the Canal Corridor Association in 1982 (where he served as president until 2002) as well as leading the effort to create the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor in 1984.

In 1988, he assumed the directorship of Openlands Project and in 1990, Openlands Project launched the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Open Space Plan, which calls for expanding existing parks, gardens and nature reserves and establishing 4,000 miles of greenways in northeastern Illinois.

He has lectured and advised on projects throughout the US and abroad, serves on many boards and commissions and has worked on sustainable development in Yunnan, China since the early 1990s.

**Ders Anderson** has been the Greenways Director with Openlands Project since 1994, a northeastern Illinois regional open space planning and advocacy agency based in Chicago. He is responsible for facilitating and implementing projects related to the 4,300 mile greenway and 2,000 mile trail system adopted for northeastern Illinois. He has co-authored the Salt Creek Greenway Plan, Boone Creek Watershed Plan, Prairie Parklands Trails Plan, Northeastern Illinois Greenways and Trails Plan, Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Trails Plan, the Chicago Wilderness Biodiversity Recovery Plan, Lake Calumet Vision, and is currently helping to guide the Kishwaukee River Watershed Plan, Midewin Streams Watershed Plan, South Suburban Calumet Open Space Opportunity Plan and the Grand Illinois Trail. Prior to Openlands Project, he was a municipal planner for 20 years.

**Nila Ree Armstrong**, graduated from Purdue University with a B.S. in 1978 and from the Indiana University Executive Development Program in 1989.

From 1984-1989 she served the Terre Haute Parks and Recreation Department, as

Administrative Assistant; from 1989 - 1997 the Indiana DNR as an Administrative Assistant to the Director; from 1997- 2003 she worked IDNR's, Division of Outdoor Recreation as a Streams and Trails Specialist. Her activities include the Indiana Governor's Conference on the Environment, Greenways Conferences, Becoming An Outdoor Woman Program, Forest Stewardship Committee, Uniform Committee, Indiana Park and Recreation Association, State Off-Road Managers Group and State Fair Display. Attended numerous symposiums and training sessions. She currently oversees: snowmobile trails, Knobstone Trail, Redbird Project, Interlake Project, Blue River and the South Field Crew.

**Bill Bailey** is a graduate of Murray State University with degrees in English and Speech. He's presently enrolled at IUPUI pursuing a Master's in Public Administration. He's a former teacher and tennis coach at Seymour High School. He was a member of the Seymour City Council from 1976 - 1980 and the Mayor from 1983-1990; a member of Indiana House of Representatives from 1990- 2000 serving as Chairman of the Public Policy Committee, and member of the House Ways and Means Committee. He was a Past Chair of the Legislative Medicaid Oversight Committee and President of the Greater Seymour Chamber of Commerce.

**Shad J. Baker** is a native of eastern Kentucky, President and founding member of the Pine Mountain Trail Conference, Inc. He graduated from the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture with a BS in Agronomy in 1997. Shad has been employed by the UK Cooperative Extension Service in Letcher County since 1997 as the County Extension Agent for Agriculture, Natural Resources & Community Development.

**George Bellovics** is a Landscape Architect and Planner for the Illinois DNR. He received a B.A. in Landscape Architecture from the University of Illinois. George's practical experience includes ornamental horticulture and plant morphology; heavy and light construction background emphasizing pavement and site engineering. He is also a published poet, cartoonist and musician.

He spent 17 years as a private designer, consultant and project manager and the last 13 years have been in the DNR's Division of Planning. George's duties include serving as Statewide Bikeways Coordinator and coordinator for the 500+ mile Grand Illinois Trail and overall GIT development. He provides technical assistance to local jurisdictions within the northern third of Illinois counties associated with the GIT and does trouble-shooting for critical issues relating to bikeways and greenways statewide.

In addition, he is Acting Region I Landscape Architect for all departmental owned properties within the region and is the DNR representative for the Illinois Advisory Council to the Mississippi River Parkway Commission and member of the Environmental & Recreational Sub-Committee. He also assists with Great River Road issues and amenities, as well as Heritage Tourism issues relating to the eighteen river counties in Illinois. George is a board member for the Mississippi River Trail, Inc. and actively participates in the coordination of the 2200 mile planned recreational corridor.

George and his wife Patti live in Dixon and have a son, Levi and a daughter, Mae.

**Mark A. Benedict, Ph.D.** is Senior Associate for Strategic Conservation with The Conservation Fund and Senior Advisor to the Conservation Leadership Network, created by the Fund in 1998 to provide formal training to conservation professionals from all sectors. He is a scientist with over 20 years of experience in natural resources management and planning. Before joining The Conservation Fund, he held positions as Research Scientist at the University of Florida, Executive Director of the Florida Greenways Commission, Director of the Florida Greenways Program of One Thousand Friends of Florida and The Conservation Fund, Environmental Protection Director for The Conservancy, Inc. in Naples, Florida, and Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Florida. Dr. Benedict has a B.S. from Duke University and an M.S. and Ph.D. in botany/plant ecology from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

**Rhonda L. Border-Boose** has served as the director of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC)

Ohio field office for two years. Prior to joining RTC, Rhonda spent 12 years in non-profit public relations, marketing, and development. She also was an adjunct professor for Bowling Green State University and the The University of Toledo. She currently serves on the Clean Ohio Trail Fund Advisory Committee, the Recreational Trails Fund advisory committee, the Ohio Department of Transportation ACCESS Ohio committee, and is a board member of Earth Share of Ohio. She has an undergraduate degree from Bowling Green State University and a Master's degree from The University of Toledo.

**Philip Bors** currently serves as Project Officer of Active Living by Design, a national program office of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that is housed at the UNC School of Public Health. He provides support to communities interested in promoting physical activity through community design and policy approaches.

Prior work included Evaluation Coordinator for the North Carolina Cardiovascular Health Program in the Division of Public Health, NC Department of Health and Human Services. He has also worked for the Sheps Center for Health Services Research at UNC, and consulted with the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health. His first public health role was as Injury Prevention Program Manager for the Duval County Health Department in Jacksonville, Florida.

Phil earned an MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education from the UNC School of Public Health in 1995, and a BS in Biology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1986. He also received training and certification as a Paramedic at the St. Augustine Technical Center in St. Augustine, Florida in 1987.

Since 1998, Phil has been a founding board member for NC Prevention Partners, a 1,000 member/partner organization dedicated to promoting prevention as a priority in public decision making and emphasizes tobacco use prevention, healthy eating and physical activity. He has been a steering committee member for Healthy Chatham since 1997. Healthy Chatham strives to promote health by creating a community that is more supportive of healthy lifestyles.

**Lisa Brownell** grew up in Minnesota and received an undergraduate degree at the University of Minnesota. It was an Individually Designed Interdepartmental Major with a focus on geography and community planning. She came to the University of Kentucky to continue her education in geography and earned a masters degree in 2001. She's currently working on a Ph.D. and will be writing a dissertation on issues relating to the rails to trails planning process. She has been working as the lead researcher on the Abandoned Railroad Corridor Inventory Project for the Kentucky Transportation Center for the past two years and is now working on other tourism-related projects for the center.

**Richard A. Carlucci** has been town manager of Plainfield, Indiana (pop.20,000) since April 1988. Prior to coming to Plainfield, Mr. Carlucci was village administrator for Dwight, Illinois for five years. Mr. Carlucci has a B.A. in Law Enforcement from Western Illinois University and a M.A. in Public Administration from the University of Iowa. Mr. Carlucci received the 2000 Ivan H. Brinegar Municipal Management Award from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. In addition, Plainfield has received four Community Achievement and two Larry S. Conrad Civic Service awards during his tenure as town manager.

**Ken Carpenter** lives in Cambridge, Wisconsin and I serve as president of Glacial Drumlin Horse Trails Association (GDHTA.) He also serves on the Board of Directors of Wisconsin State Horse Council as the representative of GDHTA. Ken has participated in a leadership role at Distance Riding Association of Wisconsin (DRAW) clinics as a speaker and instructor, teaching novice groups the sport of competitive riding.

For the past few years, Ken has devoted time to trail advocacy issues and bringing diverse interest groups together to work on common goals-building, improving, and maintaining recreational trails, he is dedicated to the stewardship of lands and fostering land ethics that harmonize the relationship between equestrians, other trail users, and land managers/owners.

Ken was honored this year by the Wisconsin State Horse Council as Horseperson of the Year.

**Laura Cohen** has been project manager for the Confluence Greenway at Trailnet, Inc since 1997. She coordinates a collaboration of public and non-profit organizations to plan and implement a 200 square-mile conservation, heritage and recreation corridor in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Previously, Laura served as Special Assistant to the Mayor of the City of St. Louis (1993-97) where her responsibilities included major park and open space projects. She served as executive director of a state-wide advocacy organization from 1983-93.

Laura has a B.A. from Hampshire College and attended the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 1996

**Bill Daehler** is currently the Land Management Administrator in Ohio DNR's Division of Real Estate and Land Management. His responsibilities include the administration of four recreation acquisition and development grant programs (the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the local NatureWorks program, the federal Recreational Trails Program, and the Clean Ohio Trails Fund), the development and implementation of Ohio's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), coordination of ODNR's Statewide Trails Program, and other special planning efforts. Daehler has both a B.S. and M.S. from Ohio State University in Natural Resources Administration and has been employed by ODNR since 1979. He was also previously employed by the cities of Kettering and Westerville in their park and recreation departments.

**Jenn Dice** has served as IMBA's government affairs director for the last two years. For the previous five years she worked with the Colorado General Assembly, both as a lobbyist for county issues and as a communications director among legislators and the media. Dice holds a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Kansas. She serves on a number of national trails and bicycle advocacy coalitions.

**Richard J. Dolesh** is Senior Policy Associate for the National Recreation and Park Association. He is responsible for national policy development, legislative analysis, and advocacy for federal and state legislation relating to parks, recreation, public lands, and natural resources. He Represents NRPA on coalitions, working groups, and national and international partnerships. Richard also serves as Liaison to the National Society for Park Resources, a professional branch of NRPA. Prior to his position at NRPA, he served as Director of Forest, Wildlife and Heritage Service at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources from 1999-2002. From 1972-2002, Richard held several positions with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, most recently Chief of Natural and Historical Resources. He has had extensive experience in natural area parks management and restoration of environmentally damaged lands. He holds a Bachelor's in English with a minor in Education from St. Louis University.

**Christopher Douwes** is a Community Planner with the Federal Highway Administration in Washington DC. He is FHWA's Trails and Enhancements Program Manager. He represented the USDOT/FHWA on the Access Board's Outdoor Developed Areas committee. He manages several contracts for research, technology development, and technical assistance for trail-related activities, and participates on the National Trails Training Partnership. Christopher received his Master's of Science in Transportation from Northwestern University in 1990.

**Russ Ehnes** is the Executive Director of the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council. Russ became an OHV activist in 1978 and is a founding member of the Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association and the Great Falls Trailbike Riders Association. He served many times as president for both organizations and helped develop a wide variety of OHV educational programs including Montana's On The Right Trail Campaign. He has worked extensively with a wide variety of recreation and

resource groups as well as state and federal agencies. He has experience with federal agencies at every level from field offices to Washington, DC.

Russ was appointed to the position of NOHVCC Montana Representative in 1992. In 1997 Russ joined the NOHVCC staff as a full-time employee. In December, 1998, the Board of Directors appointed Russ to the position of Executive Director.

**Cherri Espersen** is an Outdoor Recreation Planner with the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. In addition to other projects, she is currently the National Recreation Trail program coordinator for the Department of the Interior. Cherri has previously worked as an environmental specialist for the Department of Planning and Natural Resources in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She received a Master's in Community Planning from the University of Maryland: College Park and a Bachelor's in Geography from the University of Texas: Austin.

**Thomas M. Fansler III**, is the President of the Smock Fansler Corporation. He graduated from the Purdue University Schools of Engineering and Business and has more than 16 years experience in trail, boardwalk and pedestrian bridge construction

He is a member of the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association, American Society of Landscape Architects, Indiana Chapter and a board member of the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Historic and Cultural Landscapes Committee

Tom says the best part of what he does is walking an area where a trail will be built and seeing the enjoyment after its built.

**John Fernandez** is Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Indiana. During a period of profound economic change, he charted a successful course for Bloomington's economy. By focusing on strategic community investments, innovation and fiscal responsibility, he built a strong foundation for Bloomington's future. Mayor Fernandez understands that improving the City's quality of life insures quality economic growth.



He created a four-year, \$23 million transportation investment plan to improve traffic flow and developed Bloomington's Greenways Initiative, a \$5 million program to build a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian network safely linking schools, parks, and neighborhoods. During his administration, the City of Bloomington added over 220 acres of greenspace.

Mayor Fernandez's record of accomplishments has earned the respect of colleagues from across Indiana and the United States. He served on the Indiana Technology Partnership's board of directors. He helped co-found the Indiana's Metropolitan Mayors Alliance, a bi-partisan organization of Indiana's largest cities. Mayor Fernandez also served on the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns' Executive Committee. Mayor Fernandez is a charter member of the New Democrat Local Officials Network, and the Democratic Leadership Council recently recognized him as rising star among Democrats.

He earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs and his Juris Doctor from the Indiana University School of Law. After clerking for a state Supreme Court justice, Mayor Fernandez entered the private practice of law. He served on the Bloomington City Council for five years and as its president in 1991.

**Marianne Fowler** is Sr. Vice President of Programs for the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy with responsibility for advocacy and research in support of RTC's policy positions that advance the creation of a "green infrastructure" of trails and greenways. Her attention in the near future is focused on the defense of railbanking and transportation enhancements in the reauthorization of TEA-21. She serves as co-chair of the Coalition of Recreational Trails and the Transportation Enhancements Coalition, Vice President of the America Bikes Board and is a board member of American Trails.

**John R. Goss** was appointed by Governor Frank O'Bannon as director of the Indiana DNR in January 2002. Goss came to the DNR as the 9-year head of the Indiana Division of Tourism.

During his tenure there he also served on the Natural Resources Commission which oversees activities in the DNR. Prior to that he served as chief of staff for then-Lt. Governor O'Bannon and before that as deputy mayor to two mayors in Bloomington, Indiana. John is a life-long Hoosier with degrees in economics and public and environmental affairs from Indiana University.

As director, Goss oversees the management of Indiana's fish and wildlife services, Indiana's state parks, nature preserves, state historic sites, state forests, nature preserves and other outdoor recreation facilities. The DNR also regulates the Hoosier oil and gas industry, administers Indiana's coal mining and land restoration programs, as well as manages programs in soil and water conservation, entomology and plant pathology, and natural resources engineering. The agency includes a division of law enforcement.

**Kandise D. (Kandee) Haertel** is the Executive Director of the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource in Elizabeth, IL. Kandee has extensive experience in equestrian land conservation that makes her well suited to working with both the conservation and equestrian worlds. She has become a nationally known trails advocate. She serves as an equestrian representative on the Illinois Greenways and Trails Council and is a co-founder of Trail Riders of DuPage. She has also served on the Executive Committee of the Illinois Conservation Congress, the Trails Committee of the American Endurance Ride Conference, as Secretary of the Illinois Chapter of Rails-to-Trails, as Director of the Horsemen's Council of Illinois and as the President of Illinois Trail Riders. In 1996 she was given the Outstanding Volunteer Award by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for her work in trail blazing the Grand Illinois Trail. She has been a guest speaker at numerous symposiums including the National Trails Symposium, Equine Affaire/Ohio, and the Southeastern Trails Conference.

**Mary Hanson** is an Outdoor Recreation Planner with the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. Mary received a Masters in Community and Regional Planning at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

She is a certified mediator/facilitator in the State of Nebraska. Her current work includes projects on promoting trails for health, small community trails, and shared use trails. Mary co-authored Getting Organized - Creating an Equestrian Trails Organization and the brochure Recreational Use Statutes and the Private Landowner. For fun she rides and drives horses, and competes at Combined Driving Events throughout the Midwest. Phone: (402) 221-3350, Email: mary\_hanson@nps.gov

**Pat Henahan**, upon completion of a BFA in Design and Studio Arts from Ohio University, was in retail management. She later was Director of Visual Merchandising for Retail Planning Associates and worked with both domestic and international accounts. Pat began her career with The Ohio Arts Council in 1986 as the agency's first full time Design Arts Coordinator and through the years has initiated many programs, special projects and collaborations. In 1996 Pat spearheaded an effort to develop a Regional Heritage Program in the 29 Appalachian counties of Ohio. A successful program became non-profit organization in 2001 and it is now also one of the state's officially designated Heritage Areas. Pat is currently involved with a number of Initiatives one of which is The National Assembly of State Art Agencies Art on The Trails Program. This is a collaboration between The National Millennium Trail, The Underground Railroad, The State Legacy Trail and The Buckeye Trail Association.

**Lisa Hite**, AICP is currently the Senior Planner at Louisville Metro Parks in Kentucky. She prepares park master plans, natural resource management plans, grants, and capital budgets and does land acquisition for the Department. She is involved in planning and identifying funding for greenways projects in Louisville Metro's Beargrass Creek and Floyds Fork watersheds. She is also working on a proposal to build a pedestrian/bike path system along the Olmsted Parkways.

Lisa has worked for local government in Louisville since 1994 in a variety of planning jobs including overseeing the development of the Louisville and Jefferson County's new comprehensive plan-Cornerstone 2020, directing the Jefferson County Environmental Trust, and

preparing neighborhood and small-area plans. Before returning to Louisville in 1994, Lisa worked for four years with the City of Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks and was the project manager for the Gwynns Falls Greenway Project.

**Herb Hulls** is a 25-year resident near Lower Salem in southeastern Ohio's Noble County. He is retired after being self-employed for over 30 years. He is currently serving his seventh year as president of the all-volunteer Buckeye Trail Association having been a member of BTA for over 12 years. He is a founding hiking member of the Ohio Trails Partnership which also includes horsemen and mountain bikers. He has spent years building trails in Ohio and some in Colorado. He received a 500-hour trail building award four years ago and has now surpassed 1,000 hours. He planned and built the BTA chuck wagon to feed trail builders at extended work parties. He helped obtain materials and worked with other Buckeye Trail members to build several bridges and a boardwalk on the Buckeye Trail.

**Jay Jackson** is the Executive Director of ABATE of Indiana, Inc. a motorcyclists' rights, safety and advocacy organization representing more than 25,000 members. Jay has nearly 20 years experience in rider education and has been trained as a Dirt Bike School Coach by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Lawrence County Recreational Park, a group that has worked with the Indiana DNR and local riders, groups and clubs to develop a 400 acre OHV riding facility.

For the past ten years, **Jonathan Jarosz** has been working as a conservation and recreation planner throughout Michigan's Saginaw Bay Watershed. His work there began with the Michigan DNR developing watershed based education programs and assisting in the restoration of native prairie habitats. Following his work with DNR, Jonathan took a position with Bay County's Department of Environmental Affairs and Community Development on land use issues including park and



trail development, coastal zone management, and farmland preservation.

Over the last two years, in collaboration with members of the National Park Service - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program and members of the The Conservation Fund, he began development of a regional, green infrastructure vision for the core counties of the of the Saginaw Bay watershed. Jonathan's most recent work has been focused on the identification of priority conservation lands for regional and local land conservancies.

Jonathan earned bachelor degrees in Anthropology and Sociology from Wayne State University in Detroit. He holds graduate certificates in GIS from Ferris State University and in Watershed Management from Michigan State University; and he has recently completed his M.S. in Resource Development at Michigan State University.

**Christopher K. Jarvi**, Associate Director for Partnerships, Interpretation and Education, Volunteers, and Outdoor Recreation, National Park Service (NPS). Programs under his associateship include Partnerships, Interpretation and Education, National Center for Recreation and Conservation, National Recreation Programs, National Designations, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance, Youth Programs, Tourism and the Appalachian Trail. He provides management and guidance to a range of statutorily established programs nationwide. Christopher develops servicewide policies in a variety of areas including not-for-profit and corporate philanthropic partnerships. He actively works with federal, state, local and private sector organizations to address the nation's conservation and recreation needs establishing effective relationships with park and program partners. He also represents the interests of the NPS Director and Secretary of the Interior in relations with the National Park Foundation.

Christopher came to the National Park Service on June 30, 2003 after serving 21 years as City Department Head in Anaheim, California. He has been a member of a variety of professional organizations including the National Parks and Recreation Association where he served as

President in 1997 and received their Distinguished Professional Award in 2001. Other organizations include the California Park and Recreation Society, California Trails and Greenways and the League of California Cities.

He received a Bachelor of Science, with an emphasis in Park Administration in 1967 from California State Polytechnic University and a Master of Science, 1971 from the University of California.

**Daron Jordan** is employed with the City of Madisonville, KY as a grant writer and is a graduate of Western Kentucky University. He is a Certified Grant Specialist through the National Association of Grant Writers and has been certified as a Community Development Block Grant Administrator through the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department for Local Government. He also serves as a grant reviewer for the US Department of Education and the US Office of Community Service and is President of his own company, DEJ Enterprises, LLC.

**Lori F. Kaplan** was appointed commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in April, 1999, by Governor Frank O'Bannon. She also serves on numerous boards and commissions including the Indiana Environmental Quality Service Council, the Indiana Counter Terrorism & Security Council, the Indiana Natural Resources Commission, the Great Lakes Commission, and the Environmental Council of States.

Lori chairs the Water Committee of the Environmental Council of States. She has been a member of the Environmental Public Health Tracking Network of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and has been appointed by former EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman to the Executive Council of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, in which she is a member of the Health and Research Subcommittee.

Prior to her appointment at IDEM, she was with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). She joined IDNR in 1993 as Chief Legal Counsel. In 1997 she was named Deputy Director of the Bureau of Water and Resource Regulation.

IMBA's professional trailbuilding team of **Aaryn Kay and Scott Linnenburger** travel the eastern United States and Canada as part of the Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew. They hundreds of events per year for land managers, trail users and mountain bicyclists teaching the art of sustainable trailbuilding. For the last four years, Scott worked as an environmental consultant dealing primarily with wetlands and water quality issues. He worked with land managers in multi-use forests in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. Aaryn worked for the last five years at Duke University's Center for Environmental Education, first as a research assistant, and most recently as the Director of Community Education. Scott and Aaryn both received Masters in Environmental Management degrees from Duke University in 1998.

**Rodney Kirtley** is Muhlenberg (KY) County Judge Executive and is a 1970 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College with a degree in business administration. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He and wife Jackie have been married for thirty-three years and have two daughters, Kacy and Kara. He is a member and past chairman of the board of the Central City First Methodist Church and has previously served a youth leader. He was a business owner in Muhlenberg County for twenty years and has served as County Judge Executive for the past ten years.

He has been very active in many civic and community activities throughout western Kentucky including: chairman of the board of Muhlenberg Economic Enterprises, member of West KY Corp. Tourism Board, member of Western KY Historical Board, Member of Everly Bros. Foundation Board, member of Muhlenberg County KY Tech Board, member of Western KY School to Work Board, member and past president of Central City Lions Club, member of Muhlenberg County Health Dept. Board, member and past chairman of Junior Achievement, member of Pennyriple Area Development District Board, member of Muhlenberg County Inter-agency, chairman of the Board of Pennyriple

Narcotics Task Force, vice-president of Muhlenberg Music Hall of Fame Board, member of Wendell Foster Center Board, chairman of the Advisory Board of Madisonville Technical College, and member of the Kentucky County Judge Executive's Association Executive Board and Legislative Board.

**Margaret A. (Peg) Kohring** is The Conservation Fund's Midwest Director, based in Michigan. A botanist by training, Peg has 25 years of experience in land protection, fundraising, administration of non-profits and land stewardship. She has worked for the Agency for International Development, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, the Kinnikinnic River Land Trust (WI), the Trust for Public Land, and as the state director of The Nature Conservancy's Minnesota Chapter.

**Nancy Krupiarz** has been the State Director of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy of Michigan for the past six years. She participated in the final phase of Southeast Michigan Greenways (an RTC project which evolved into the Greenways Initiative), a program of the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan. The Greenways Initiative provides \$18 million of foundation funding and various educational programs to facilitate the implementation of green infrastructure in the form of trails and greenways across the seven county Southeast Michigan region. In addition to playing a major role in dozens of projects across Michigan, she was also instrumental in the formation of the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition, which links existing trails into an overall green infrastructure network. Prior to arriving at Rails-to-Trails, Nancy spent seven years at Michigan's State Capital, and seven years with a non-profit lobbying firm in Lansing.

**Michael Lighthiser** is a professional engineer with Biohabitats, an environmental consulting and design firm specializing in ecological planning, assessment and restoration design. Mike leads the Ohio River Bioregion office located in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mike completed his undergraduate studies at The Ohio State University, volunteered with the

Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, received a Master's degree at the University of California, Berkeley, and worked as a consultant on ecological restoration projects on the West Coast. At Biohabitats, Mike combines all of his experience to improve quality of life in our communities through the preservation and restoration of indigenous ecosystems. Biohabitats' clients include state and local governments, universities, private corporations, and nonprofit organizations.

**Peter (Pete) G. LundBorg** is Park Manager for Silver Lake and the Hart-Montague-Berry Junction Trail in Michigan. Pete has been stationed at Silver Lake, outside Hart, Michigan for the past 26 years and has been with the Michigan DNR Parks and Recreation Bureau since 1967. In 1969, He received a BS degree in Landscape Architecture from Michigan State University and along the way spent two years in the U.S. Army Infantry.

Previous to his position at Silver Lake, Pete was a seasonal park Ranger at Ludington State Park and Assistant Manager for William Mitchell State Park. Pete is married to Joan, who is the Director for the Hart Area Public Library and son Andy, is a police officer for the City of Hart. Pete enjoys hiking/backpacking, golf, photography, music, good food and drink and in particular touring in a 1980 MGB roadster.

**Stuart Macdonald** was Colorado's State Trails Coordinator for 19 years. He has a Bachelor's degree in English from San Francisco State and a Master's in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning from Utah State University. His first recreation job was with the U. S. Forest Service in Oregon, followed by VISTA volunteer work in Denver. He then worked as Trails Planner for Jefferson County's Open Space Program. In 1984, Stuart was hired as the first State Trails Coordinator by Colorado State Parks where he developed and supervised the state's trail grants program and off-highway vehicle program for nearly 20 years. He has served as Chair of the National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee and founded the National Association of State Trail Administrators. He also

served on the national committee charged with writing regulations for trails under the Americans with Disabilities Act. He currently publishes the Trail Tracks newsletter and website for American Trails and is working on the National Trails Training Partnership and the National Recreation Trails Program.

**Steve Madewell** has worked in the conservation field since 1976 in both the private and the public sector. He has been involved with many local, state and national conservation organizations. Over the course of his career he has developed many innovative approaches promoting environmental education and public awareness, natural resource management and resource protection. He has been successful in acquiring millions of dollars for conservation projects. These grant, gift and project funds have been the product of on-going active networking, coalition building and problem solving. Themes common to all of his work include protecting and expanding biological diversity and the provision of high quality outdoor experiences, which increase appreciation, and understanding of natural systems. In the mid-1990s Steve participated in the Case Western Reserve Environmental Priorities Project. The project illuminated the need for park districts in northeast Ohio to work together for a more comprehensive approach to open space planning. This insight resulted in the creation to the Northeast Ohio Regional Park Consortium in which Steve played an integral role.

**Helen Mahan** is a Community Planner with the Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program of the National Park Service. She has more than 13 years experience providing technical assistance to parks and community-based trail and greenway projects in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia. Her most recent projects working with the health community include the Wyoming Valley Wellness Trails Partnership, the Philadelphia KidsWalk Initiative, and the Pennsylvania State Obesity Prevention Plan. She is a graduate of the Resource Development Program at Michigan State University.

**Morton J. Marcus** teaches economics for the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University and

is the former Director of the Indiana Business Research Center.

Morton has served as faculty member for 33 years at one of the nation's top business schools where he teaches urban and macro economics. He also researches changes in the economy and population of Indiana, the Midwest, and the nation. He served as Governor's liaison to the U.S. Bureau of the Census (1979-2003.) He has been a columnist since 1990, published in more than 30 newspapers each week. Morton is the author of *Tightrope to Tomorrow*, a book about pensions, productivity, and public education. He is an internationally recognized expert on regional economies and an occasional guest on the PBS News Hour with Jim Lehrer. Morton is a pioneer of online data services. He is also creator and host of *INTERSECTION*, a weekly TV program for Northwest Indiana. Positions held by Morton include Chairman of the Board of Media Indiana, Inc., member of the board of directors for Indiana Secondary Market for Education Loans, Inc., and past-president of the Midwest Business Economics Association, Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, and association for University Business and Economic Research.

He received a B.A. in Economics from Roosevelt University and a Masters degree in Economics from Washington University.

**Elaine Marsh** is currently employed as the Project Director for Ohio Greenways. Administered by Ohio Parks and Recreation Association, Ohio Greenways researches greenway issues, educates Ohioans of the vast benefits of greenways, provides technical assistance to greenway projects and initiates strategies to expand greenway development in Ohio. Since 1996, the project has conducted many statewide and regional meetings, forums and conferences, assisted many local and regional planning efforts, and educated many thousands of Ohio citizens on the functions and benefits of greenways.

**Dr. Sarah Levin Martin** is a health scientist at the Centers for Disease Control with the physical activity and health branch. She is a member of the Active Community Environments workgroup within the Branch, and served a spell

as moderator for the CDC sponsored livability listserv.

Dr. Levin began her public health career in 1988 at the Pawtucket Heart Health Program in Pawtucket RI ... long before partnering with urban planners and transportation engineers was considered. Since that time, she has worked as project director or research associate for an array of health-promoting projects, specializing in the area of physical activity. Sarah earned her doctoral degree in epidemiology at the School of Public Health at University of South Carolina.

**Ed McMahon** is attorney, community planner, lecturer, author and expert on the topics of sustainable development, land conservation, growth management, urban design, tourism and historic preservation. He is Vice President and Director of Land Use Planning for The Conservation Fund where he works to improve both land development practices through programs that balance economic and environmental goals. He is also the co-founder and former President of Scenic America, a national non-profit organization devoted to protecting America's scenic landscapes. He is the author of 10 books and more than 150 articles. His latest books are *Balancing Nature and Commerce in Gateway Communities* and *Better Models for Development in Virginia*. He also writes a regular column in Planning Commissioners Journal. Over the past 15 years, Ed has drafted numerous local land use pland and ordinances. He has organized successful effort to acquire and protect urban parkland, wilderness areas and other conservation properties. He has also written and spoken widely on the topics of tourism, conservation, land use planning and historic preservation. He has a M.A. in Urban Studies from the University of Alabama and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law School where he taught law and public policy from 1976-1985.

**Tim Monger** is the executive director of the Indiana Department of Commerce and has enjoyed a varied career working in community and economic development throughout the Midwest. Appointed by Lt. Governor Joe Kernan in January, 2003, Monger is charged with leading Commerce's



domestic and international economic development efforts, overseeing its numerous programs and directing its new regional delivery system.

Prior to his appointment as executive director, Monger served briefly as Commerce's Region Seven director. Before joining Commerce, he was a consultant to communities and corporations. Monger's consulting practice included facilitating peer groups for business owners, company presidents and CEO's.

Monger's economic development experience includes serving as senior vice president of the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, president of the Indianapolis Economic Development Corp. and executive assistant for economic development for Indianapolis Mayor Bill Hudnut. He is also a past president of the Indiana Economic Development Association.

Monger's career includes six years in higher education management with the Center for Public Policy and Public Administration at Purdue University. He spent six years leading employment and training programs in Tippecanoe County as well.

Born and raised in Elkhart, Ind., Monger earned both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree from Purdue University. He is married to Kim Parente-Monger and has three children.

**Bev Moore** is the President and Acting Director for the Illinois Trails Conservancy. In 1983 Bev decided that the Rockford Rec Path from the UMCA in Rockford to Martin Park in Loves Park should be extended to Machesney Park. She then began a letter writing campaign to legislators Mike Rotello and Brad Bryzinski to encourage them to look into providing a system of trails for Illinois.

Bev became a professional advocate for recreation trails when she joined Rails to Trails Conservancy in 1994. When RTC indicated to Mike Ulm that they were going to close the Illinois Chapter Office, Bev was the Chairman of the Board. The 10-member board agreed to file for 501c3 credentials to form a new organization to be called Illinois Trails Conservancy. They felt that the interest of Illinois would be best served

within the state and not from a regional office such as RTC Chapters in Ohio or Michigan.

The Illinois Trails Conservancy received credentials in April 1999 and Bev has continued on as Chairman of the Board and Acting Director until funding can be found to hire a full time director. ITC currently has 260 members and encourages communities to share information through attendance at local planning meetings as well as participation on the Illinois Greenways & Trails Council and Inter-Agency Bikeways Working Group Council. ITC wants to continue the momentum it has achieved for trail development thanks to the Federal ISTEA and TEA funds. Let's all keep up the good work for trails in America. When not promoting ITC, Bev and husband, Bob operate Side by Side Cycle in Capron, IL.

**Steve Morris** is Streams and Trails Section Chief with the Indiana DNR's Division of Outdoor Recreation. The Streams and Trails Section oversees management of several Indiana trail facilities including the Knobstone Trail, snowmobile trails, and off-road vehicle trails. The Streams and Trails Section also coordinates the Indiana Natural, Scenic and Recreational River System. Steve Morris serves as secretary to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission and is the State Trails Coordinator, as recognized by the Federal Highway Administration. Steve is an avid hiker, bicyclist and canoeist. Steve received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University in 1992 and a Master of Science Degree in Park and Recreation Administration from Indiana University in 1998.

**Barbara Nelson-Jameson** is a Park Planner and the Michigan Program Director for the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance program. Barbara assists communities and organizations that are working to protect rivers, develop non-motorized trails and greenways, conserve open space, and preserve our natural and cultural heritage. Barbara has been instrumental in efforts such as The Automobile National Heritage Area, Southeast Michigan Greenways Initiative, The Greater Detroit American Heritage River, Saginaw Bay Greenways Collaborative, Down River Linked Greenways, Kalamazoo River Valley

Trailway, and the Boardman River Protection Project. She has been involved in the planning of the Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor as well as other National Parks including Isle Royale National Park and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. She received a B.S. in Outdoor Recreation and M.S. in Natural Resource Management from the University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources.

Governor Frank O'Bannon named **J. Bryan Nicol** as Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation in September, 2001.

Commissioner Nicol is charged with leading a team of nearly 5,000 people responsible for addressing Indiana's vast transportation needs, including planning, construction and maintenance of more than 11,000 miles of highways and 5,600 bridges as well as the oversight of aviation, public transit and railroads in Indiana.

He graduated from the University of Evansville in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and received his Law Degree from the Indiana University School of Law 1993 and was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1993.

He served as a Governor's Fellow (1987-1988) joining INDOT as Executive Assistant to the Commissioner in 1989. He served as Chief of Land Acquisition Division and later as the Assistant Deputy for Operations. In 1994, he was appointed Deputy Attorney General by Indiana Attorney General Pamela Carter. Bryan returned to INDOT in April of 1997, where he served as the Deputy Commissioner of Highway Operations.

Governor Frank O'Bannon appointed him Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor in July, 2001 and then asked him to return to INDOT upon the resignation of former Commissioner Cristine Klika.

Bryan resides in Johnson County with his wife, Traci, their two sons, Jack and Sam and daughter, Madeline.

**Tom Olsen** is the Greenways Foundation President and Principal Consultant of Pragmatik LLC, a firm specializing in public and nonprofit clients. He is a veteran of 27 years at Eli Lilly & Company, having worked in a variety of assignments, but mostly in information technology and

finance. After electing early retirement from Lilly in 1993, he worked for three years for Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith, helping with local government reforms and parks administration. He has worked as a volunteer on trail and greenway projects since 1991, including Indy Greenways and Rail Corridor Development Inc. in west-central Indiana. Tom is a graduate of both Purdue and Indiana Universities.

**Gary Parks** joined the Ohio Department of Health in April, 2000 as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff. His first assignment was to work with the office of Governor Bob Taft to develop a statewide campaign that encourages all Ohioans to adopt healthier lifestyles and behaviors.

The Governor's Healthy Ohioans "Small Steps, Big Strides" initiative was launched in 2001 to illustrate the concept that achieving a healthier lifestyle is within everyone's reach by taking a series of small steps which ultimately add up to big strides towards a healthier life. The initiative is focused on four fronts: with schools through the Governor's Buckeye Best Healthy Schools Awards program; with businesses through the Governor's Healthy Ohioans Business Council; with state employees through the State Agency Wellness Committee, and in communities through health grants and other local partnerships.

Gary is a native of Lorain, Ohio and a graduate of The Ohio State University. After a four-year tour of duty with the United States Air Force, he began a 21-year radio broadcasting career. He ended his broadcast career in Chicago in 1991 and returned to Ohio to be appointed to the position of Press Secretary for the Mayor of Columbus. Currently, he travels across Ohio carrying the Healthy Ohioans message to schools, businesses, government leaders and community organizations.

**L. Martin Perry** has been the National Register Coordinator for the Kentucky Heritage Council since 1988. He was born in Hopkinsville, KY, and lived his early childhood in western Kentucky. During his school years, he moved with his parents to a number of Midwestern communities, settling eventually in north-central Ohio. He went to Bowling Green State University, obtaining a BA



(1982) and MA (1983), both in American Studies. Prior to the Heritage Council, he was the Architectural Historian for the State Historical Society of North Dakota, in Bismarck (1984-1988). He lives and works in Frankfort.

**Carol Potter** is Executive Director of the Cadillac Michigan Visitors Bureau and a longtime trail advocate, supporter, fundraiser and cheerleader. Cadillac is located at the northern terminus of the White Pine Trail which connects with miles of local trails. This trail system has energized the community and its visitors.

**Paul Pounders** is Director of the Midland, Michigan County Parks and Recreation Commission. A Graduate of Central Michigan University with B.S. and M.S. degrees, Paul helped form the *Little Forks Conservancy* and is the past Secretary of the *Midland Area Community Foundation*, located in the Midland, Michigan area. Paul has worked in several park systems in Michigan and has been with Midland County 27 years. Much of that time has been spent working on trail systems, cross country skiing trails, mountain biking trails and for the last 16 years; the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail of Mid-Michigan.

**William Rustem** is senior vice president of Public Sector Consultants and senior consultant for environmental policy and economic development. Before joining the firm, he was Gov. William G. Milliken's chief staff advisor on environmental matters and interim director of the Toxic Substances Control Commission. Following his service with the State of Michigan, William became the first executive director of the newly established Center for the Great Lakes in Chicago and then joined the Michigan United Conservation Clubs as director of development. In these positions, he acquired special expertise in issue campaigns. He coordinated the petition drive and campaign in 1976 for the Michigan "bottle bill," co-chaired the 1980 campaign to shift education funding from the property tax to other sources, and coordinated the 1984 statewide campaign for the constitutional amendment creating a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

In addition to his work with the firm's clients on environmental and economic development matters, William is the principal coordinator of PSC's work with a major foundation in its national project to assist its grantees in responding to the devolution of authority for domestic programs from the federal to the state governments. He has been with the company since 1985.

William was educated at Michigan State University, holding a B.S. in social science and an M.S. in resource development.

**Eric Sandeno** is the Outdoor Recreation Planner with the Hoosier National Forest in Bedford, Indiana. Eric is responsible for managing developed recreation facilities and areas as well as the Charles C. Deam Wilderness, Indiana's only congressionally designated wilderness area. Eric is also responsible for long-term management of recreation resources on the Hoosier National Forest and is currently co-leader of the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan revision.

Prior to working on the Hoosier National Forest, Eric was a Natural Resource Specialist with the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming. While in Wyoming, Eric was responsible for managing the Teton and Bridger Wilderness areas, recreation facilities, and Outfitter/Guides.

Eric graduated from Oregon State University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Resource Management and a minor in Wilderness Management. Eric is also the Scoutmaster for Boy Scout troop 136 in Bloomington.

**Jim Schneider** is Assistant Director and Trail Manager for Ohio's Greene County Parks. His duties also include Chief Ranger, and Project Manager. He has been in the Parks and Recreation field for 30 years and has been working on trails for the past 15 years.

Jim's major career focus has been planning and design, with attention to long-term maintenance. In addition to developing 27 parks, he has been involved in the acquisition, design and construction of 13 trail projects and is currently working on 7 others. He has successfully written grants for Land and Water Conservation Fund, Ohio NatureWorks Program, Recreation Trails

Program, TEA21, Clean Ohio Fund, Clean Ohio Trail Fund and Community Development Block Grants.

Greene County, as the trail management agency, manages 5 trails covering 45 miles and involving 8 jurisdictions. Jim coordinates events, handles user requests and complaints, and oversees the maintenance and patrol of the trails. Greene County has a long-term care fund derived from occupations on the trails which provides for other than routine maintenance costs.

Jim is on the advisory board of the Ohio Chapter of Rails to Trails Conservancy; and has served on the executive board and facilities committee of Bike Miami Valley. He served on ODOT's committee to develop a "Best Practices Manual for Bicycle Facility Design" and on the review committee for 2 rounds of TEA21 funding. He also provides private consulting on trail projects.

Wayne Seger is a PE from Michigan. He attended Michigan Technological University and is a registered Civil Engineer in Michigan. He currently is self employed, working exclusively for Kent County Parks Department on trail and park development. Past employment includes private consulting and Manager of Park Development for Kent County. Wayne is also on the Board of Directors of the Rail to Trail Conservancy - Michigan Field Office. In 1993, he completed a bicycle trip from Maine to Seattle, taking 80 days and carrying 100 pounds of gear. Yearly regional bicycle trips are taken for continued understanding of bicycling issues and trail design options.

Jack Shaner is Public Affairs Coordinator for the Ohio Environmental Council, a non-profit network of more than 100 conservation and environmental groups that advocates for clean air, clean water and protection of our natural resources.

As the Council's chief lobbyist, Jack monitors legislation pending before the Ohio General Assembly as well as administrative rules and policies under consideration by state agencies, particularly the Ohio Environmental Protection

Agency and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Before joining the staff of the OEC in 1997, Jack was the Legislative Policy Director for the Ohio Senate Minority Caucus. Jack is a graduate of The Ohio State University.

Jennifer Skulski is Director of Marketing & Special Projects for the National Center on Accessibility. Over the last 10 years, Jennifer has provided technical assistance and training to the private sector, state and local governments, advocates and consumers on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Jennifer has previously served as the Director of Education for NCA and Associate Director for the Great Lakes Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, providing technical assistance and training on the ADA. Jennifer has diverse expertise in ADA employment regulations, Title 2 implementation, accessibility standards, universal design, access to playgrounds and outdoor recreation environments. She has also served as ADA Coordinator of the Rockford (Illinois) Park District. There, she trained park district staff on accessibility issues, assisted the municipality with prioritizing accessibility improvements, and facilitated the District's barrier removal citizens advisory committee. She has developed several distance learning programs through satellite, video conferencing, and web streaming. She has also developed staff training materials including an accessibility handbook, inclusion manual and resource guides for park and recreation professionals. Jennifer is a graduate of Indiana University.

Helen Tyson Siewers is the project coordinator for the Greenways Commission of Bowling Green and Warren County, Kentucky. She has held the position since it was created in 2001. Helen worked at the Construction Engineering Research Lab in Champaign, IL, for several years, after receiving a Masters in Landscape Architecture at the University of Illinois in 1994.

Samuel W. Speck is director of the Ohio DNR. Appointed by Governor Bob Taft in February

1999, he had been president of Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio since 1988.

Director Speck served in Ohio's General Assembly for 13 years, as a state representative (1971-1976) and a state senator (1977-1983.) As a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, he was the primary author of the state's Strip Mine Reclamation Act. He also sponsored legislation to create the Division of Natural Areas & Preserves and a separate Division of Forestry within ODNR, as well as legislation to strengthen hunting and fishing in Ohio.

Prior to serving as president of Muskingum College, Director Speck was associate director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under President Ronald Reagan.

He is a graduate of Muskingum College and received a master's and a doctoral degree in government from Harvard University. Director Speck and his wife Sharon, have two sons and three grandchildren.

As director of the ODNR, his responsibilities include: management of Ohio's 73 state parks, 20 state forests and 122 state nature preserves; oversight of hunting, fishing and recreation boating in the state; promotion of recycling and litter prevention; management of the state's water resources; study of Ohio's geological and mineral resources; advancement of soil and water conservation practices; direction of the Ohio Civilian Conservation Corps; regulation of oil- and gas-well drilling; regulation of mining and industrial minerals production, and the reclamation of surface-mined lands.

**Rick Strader** has worked in some aspect of urban planning in the Rockford, Illinois area for the past 33 years beginning with the regional planning commission, then as Planning Director for the City of Loves Park. He's currently Manager of Planning & Development with the Rockford Park District, which serves the City of Rockford and surrounding communities. He's currently on the Board of the League of Illinois Bicyclists.

One of Rick's primary responsibilities at the Park District is to plan and develop the system of interconnecting multipurpose paths and greenways and to work with the various local

units of government to identify, fund and implement trail projects. This work includes monitoring transportation projects and lobbying for inclusion of paths, parks, highways, and other community projects; providing other ped-bike accommodations; and eliminating potential ped-bike barriers.

Rick has had a life-long dedication to cycling as a lifestyle choice and a commitment to work to make our communities more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Rick tries to incorporate cycling into daily life.

**Sharon K. Strouse** is Assistant Professor, Ohio State University Extension and a full-time Community Development Agent with Ohio State University Extension, Holmes County. She also serves as the county administrative chair. Sharon is noted for her work in teaching non-profit organizations, especially leading strategic planning initiatives and evaluations for nonprofit organizations.

With an agent specialization in leadership education and development, Sharon designed the curriculum and led the steering committee for the 'Leadership Holmes County' program, as well as teaching several unit sessions each year. As a certified MBTI instructor, she has conducted many group workplace and non-profit sessions building relationships within a team.

Sharon functions as executive director for the Amish Country Byway non-profit and serves as president of the statewide nonprofit Ohio Byway Links. For America's Byway Resource Center, she has been on the national research committee and reviews publications and proposals for national and state byway organizations, specializing in heritage tourism interpretation.

**Kent Taylor** is Associate Greenways Director of the Openlands Project and co-author of several award-winning plans, including the Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Trails Plan, Chicago Wilderness Biodiversity Recovery Plan and Salt Creek Greenway Master Plan. He has worked for 14 years in water resources management planning in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Kentucky, and he has contributed to numerous greenways and trails planning projects. Kent has had a life-long fascination with biotic communities and has conducted botanical

research in Mexico, Thailand and the United States. In 2001, he was part of a seven-member delegation of planners sponsored by the U.S.-China Arts Exchange, working on a greenways and trails plan for Weishan County in Yunnan, China. Mr. Taylor holds a masters degree in City and Regional Planning from Illinois Institute of Technology and a bachelors degree in Biology from Denison University.

**Carey Tichenor** is a 1982 graduate from Eastern Kentucky University with a B.S. in Parks & Recreation Administration, and has been with the Kentucky State Parks since 1985. In 1987, he began his current position as State Naturalist, in the Division of Recreation & Interpretation. In that position, Carey oversees the state park's interpretive programs and staff, trail systems, land acquisition, resource management, and also serves as the state trails coordinator. Carey has served on the National Recreation Trails program advisory committee since its conception in 1993.

**Dr. Patricia Ziegel Timm (Pat)** was named President and CEO of the Ohio River Way, Inc. when it incorporated in 2002. Prior to then, as Executive Director of the Metropolitan Growth Alliance, Pat worked with MGA leadership, organizing a comprehensive strategy to showcase river activities, restore the natural environment, and connect the people and places of river communities. The enhancement of the river corridor from Maysville, KY to Madison, IN was one of several initiatives MGA convened to help the civic, business, and political leaders of the region work together to position our metro area successfully in a competitive global environment.

Her professional and service experiences include: Executive Director, Metropolitan Growth Alliance, Principal, Patricia Timm and Associates, Public Policy Mediation, Executive Director, Hamilton County Environmental Priorities Project, Public Policy Mediator, Center for Resolution of Disputes, Coordinator, "A Day in Eden-a festival of city neighborhoods" A native of Cincinnati, Pat graduated from the University of Cincinnati where she also received her Doctor

of Education in 1994 with a focus on educational policy.

**Steve Varner** is a graduate of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and his background includes designing, managing and inspecting transportation and public works projects representing the interests of state and local government and the private sector. Steve's responsibilities, since joining Cardinal Greenway in 1997, have included technical review, contract administration and construction management on all phases of the 30 mile Cardinal Greenway Trail. In 2002, Steve was named executive director of Delaware Greenways, Inc., a not-for-profit organization working with Cardinal Greenway and other trail organizations to promote, facilitate and coordinate the construction of trails throughout east-central Indiana.

**Christine Vogt** is Assistant Professor in the Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism Resources and the Michigan Travel, Tourism, and Recreation Resource Center at Michigan State University.

As of late she has been researching people on the move! This has included motorists who stop at Michigan's welcome centers for travel information, households moving to rapid developing areas like Livingston and Washtenaw counties who desire subdivisions with some level of natural resource preservation, trail users in Midland, Isabella, Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties in Michigan, and motorists and tourists along Heritage US 12 in southern Michigan

**Cynthia M. Whiteford** is the Regional Director and Vice President of The Trust for Public Land, Midwest Regional Office in St. Paul, Minnesota. Since 1995, Cynthia has been the primary manager of TPL's 12-state Midwest Region. Prior to her involvement with TPL, she acquired 20 years of experience in law, government and commercial real estate as well as fundraising, public policy and conservation. Ms. Whiteford is a board member of the St. Paul Riverfront Corporation and Greenway on the Red Trust, Inc. She is also past Board Chair



of the East Metro Chapter of the Minnesota Land Trust and officer of Friends of the Mississippi River and is a past president of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations and of Minnesota Women Lawyers. She received her B.A., M.A. and J.D.'s from the University of Minnesota.

**Craig Williams** has a strong interest in trails and cycling. Personally, he has been an enthusiastic cyclist for many years. Professionally, he was the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager for Illinois for 9 of his 23 years at the Illinois Department of Transportation before joining the consulting firm of Edwards and Kelcey in 2000. During his tenure with IDOT, Illinois adopted broad-reaching policies and design standards for incorporating bicycling as part of the transportation mix. Also during this time, Illinois funded nearly 300 bicycle and pedestrian projects through ISTEPA and TEA-21, totaling around \$150 million.

Overall, Craig has more than 30 years of experience in transportation planning, engineering and project management. Since Craig joined Edwards and Kelcey, they have been increasingly active in bicycle planning and engineering projects and are currently involved with bicycle projects throughout the Chicagoland region. Most recently, they are leading the effort to create a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the six-county Chicago area.

Craig holds a BA in Urban Planning and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

He was a founding board member of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, and is currently sits on the boards of the League of Illinois Bicyclists, the Illinois Trails Conservancy and the ChicagoLand Bicycle Federation

**Risa Wilkerson** is the Director for Active Community Environments with the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. She leads a statewide effort to improve walkability and bikability, including overseeing the Promoting Active Communities

award program, which recognizes communities who are making it easy for people to be active. She has written articles about active community environments recently published in Planning and Zoning News, The MAHPERD Journal, Michigan Counties and Michigan Health & Hospitals magazine. Before assuming her statewide responsibilities, Risa directed a Regional Fitness Council serving five Michigan counties, where she created and implemented successful community-wide programs to promote walking and bicycling.

**Thomas M. Woiwode** developed the GreenWays Initiative for the Community Foundation, and has served as the Director of this new initiative within the Community Foundation since it was officially launched in 2001. Prior to his work with the Community Foundation, he was the founding director of The Nature Conservancy of Michigan and an officer of the international Nature Conservancy organization, and served in that capacity for almost 20 years. Woiwode has raised over \$125 million in private funds for conservation purposes and, while with The Nature Conservancy, completed more than 300 conservation real estate acquisitions. An attorney, Woiwode has been the founder, board member and officer of a number of environmental, conservation and charitable organizations and institutes in Michigan and throughout the country.

**Mark Weaver** is a registered Landscape Architect (MO) and serves as Community Planner at the Wisconsin Field Office of the NPS Rivers & Trails Conservation Assistance program. Mark earned his BLA degree from Michigan State (1979) and his MLA from Virginia Tech (1989). Mark has more than 8 years private sector experience on the west coast and in Michigan at leading Landscape Architectural firms, and 5 years teaching Landscape Architecture at Auburn University.

Mark served as Landscape Architect at Ozark National Scenic Riverways from 1993-1998. In 1998 he joined the Rivers & Trails Conservation Assistance program where he is involved in a number of urban and rural park and trails projects.

**Dick Westfall** is Manager of the Illinois DNR's Greenways and Trails Section. The Section coordinates greenway and trail planning and outreach as well as partnership and capital development projects, including the 500-mile Grand Illinois Trail. The Section also facilitates the Illinois Greenways and Trails Council and the Grand Illinois Trail Executive Council and is responsible for Illinois' Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the Recreational Trails Program. Dick has worked on the Department's Strategic Plan and Conservation Congress. He has spoken at numerous conferences and symposiums on greenways and trails, recreation planning, partnerships and recreation economics.

For 11 years, **Marcia and Gabriel Williamson** lived in a wilderness park beneath the shadow of Katahdin, Maine's highest peak. Surrounded by nature's beauty, they were treated with daily observations of flora and fauna and the interaction of humans and wilderness. As Park Rangers, they had the opportunity to pass along their passion for preservation and protection of wilderness resources. They met while working for a university-based fitness, wellness and recreation facility and discovered their mutual love of the outdoors. They married in 1990 and became Rangers the following year.

Marcia is a native of Maine and a long-time educator and promoter of stewardship of public lands. She has backpacked in Europe, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the United States. Before becoming a Park Ranger, Marcia led bicycle trips as a certified American Youth Hostel bicycle trip leader and worked for LL Bean in their Employee Health and Fitness Department promoting fitness and wellness.

Gabe is a native of Maine, the common theme of his work history is education, recreation and wellness. Academically, he holds a Master's in Adult Education with a concentration in Recreation and Leisure studies. Gabe enjoys teaching Environmental Recreation at the University of Southern Maine, serving as a personal trainer in corporate fitness centers and facilitating staff development seminars via his consulting firm, Everyone Wins. He has back-

packed in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

**Joseph Wynns** has served as the Director of the Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation since 2000. He oversees more than 10,200 acres of parks including 13 golf courses, 163 park properties, 19 centers, 22 aquatic centers, and 8 greenways with a budget of \$33 million. In February, 2003, the department received its national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.

Joe joined the department as a recreation center director in 1970 and served as recreation administrator and deputy director prior to his appointment as director. He has also served as director of the Office of Youth and Family Services.

Joe is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association, American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, Urban Park and Recreation Alliance, City Parks Alliance, and Indiana Park and Recreation Association. He is currently a trustee for the Indiana University Executive Development Program and recently served as national chair of The Roundtable Associates, Inc.

Joe received his Bachelor's degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from South Carolina State University, Master's degree in Recreation Administration from Indiana State University, and Certificate in Public Management from Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

**Anthony Yoder** is a Senior Program Manager for the League of American Bicyclists. Anthony joined the staff at the League in 1999 and is primarily involved with the Bicycle Friendly Community Program. Prior to joining the League, Anthony spent two years as the director of a Victim Offender Mediation Program based in Alamosa, Colorado. He earned a BA in English from Eastern Mennonite University in 1999.



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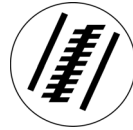
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